

the Secretary, S. 2049, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a continuing medical education program for non-Department medical professionals who treat veterans and family members of veterans to increase knowledge and recognition of medical conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, an original bill to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an original bill to make certain improvements in the provision of automobiles and adaptive equipment by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and an original bill to expand eligibility for hospital care and medical services under section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to include veterans in receipt of health services under the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs for

rural veterans, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain, Boxer, and Klobuchar; Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Michael H. Michaud, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service; Carlos Fuentes, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Louis J. Celli, Jr., The American Legion, Adrian M. Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Diane Boyd Rauber, National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; and Master Sergeant J. M. Ensminger, (Ret.), USMC, Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017".

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 5311–5319; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 133; and H. Res. 745–747, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1769, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–592, Part 1); and

H. Res. 744, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 2012) to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5233) to repeal the Local Budget Autonomy Amendment Act of 2012, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the respective roles of the District government and Congress in the local budget process of the District government, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from May 27, 2016, through June 6, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–593).

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, May 23rd:

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017: H.R. 5077, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 371 yeas to 35 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 235.

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Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2576 with an amendment may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

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Toxic Substances Control Act Modernization Act: The House agreed to the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–54, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 114–590, in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate, to H.R. 2576, to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 238.

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H. Res. 742, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2576) and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R.

897) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 234, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 233. **Pages H2975–81, H2987–88**

Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act: The House passed H.R. 897, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, by a recorded vote of 258 ayes to 156 noes, Roll No. 237.

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Rejected the Ruiz motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 182 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 236.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–53 shall be considered as adopted.

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Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017: The House began consideration of H.R. 5055, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 25th.

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Agreed to:

Gosar amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations, by \$1,000,000;

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Rodney Davis (IL) amendment that redirects \$10,000,000 in funding within the Army Corps of Engineers, Investigations;

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Rice (SC) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Construction, by \$2,241,850;

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Graham amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Operation and Maintenance, by \$3,000,000;

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McNerney amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program, by \$2,000,000;

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Bonamici amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program, by \$9,000,000;

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Schiff amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Nuclear Waste Disposal, Department of Energy by \$19,111,000;

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Langevin amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Weapons Activities, National Nuclear Security Administration, by \$5,000,000;

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Polis amendment that reduces funding for Federal salaries and expenses by \$1 million and increases funding for other Defense activities by \$500,000;

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Keating amendment that redirects \$1,000,000 in funding within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission salaries and expenses;

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Brownley (CA) amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014; and

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Burgess amendment that prohibits the enforcement for the use of funds for certain type of light bulbs.

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Rejected:

Beyer amendment that sought to strike section 108, which prohibits the use of funds by the Corps of Engineers to develop, adopt, implement, administer, or enforce any change to the regulations in effect on October 1, 2012, pertaining to the definitions of the terms “fill material” or “discharge of fill material” for the purposes of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote);

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Beyer amendment that sought to strike section 110, which prohibits the use of funds by the Corps of Engineers to develop, adopt, implement, administer, or enforce any change to the regulations and guidance in effect on October 1, 2012, pertaining to the definition of waters under the jurisdiction of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; and

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Garamendi amendment that sought to strike funds for project 99–D–143, mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility.

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Withdrawn:

DeSaulnier amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have struck section 111, regarding the possession of firearms at water resources development projects;

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Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$25,000,000 in funding within the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program;

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Perry amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Energy Programs, Department of Energy, by \$15,000,000;

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Polis amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have zeroed out the Fossil Energy Research and Development fund and applied the \$645,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Page H3075**

Katko amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have reduced funding for the Energy Information Administration by \$1,500,000 and increased funding for Northern Border Regional Commission by \$2,500,000; and **Pages H3077–78**

Langevin amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Federal Salaries and Expenses, National Nuclear Security Administration, by \$5,000,000. **Pages H3081–82**

Point of Order sustained against:

Polis amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy fund, by \$285,000,000. **Pages H3075–77**

Proceedings Postponed:

Clawson (FL) amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Army Corps of Engineers, Construction, by \$50,000,000; **Pages H3058–59**

McNerney amendment that seeks to strike General Provisions, Department of the Interior, related to California state water projects; **Pages H3065–67**

Griffith amendment that seeks to reduce the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program by \$50,000,000, and increase the Fossil Energy Research and Development Program by \$45,000,000; **Pages H3069–71**

Buck amendment that seeks to zero out the accounts for Plant or Facility Acquisition, Construction, or Expansion of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programs and apply the \$3,481,616,000 in savings to the Spending Reduction Account; **Pages H3071–72**

Polis amendment that seeks to increase funds for Energy efficiency and renewable energy by \$9,750,000 and decrease funds for fossil energy research and development by \$13,000,000; **Pages H3073–74**

Polis amendment that seeks to zero out the Fossil Energy Research and Development fund and apply the \$285,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H3074–75**

Weber (TX) amendment that seeks to zero out the Innovative Technology Guarantee program and apply the \$7,000,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H3078–79**

Welch amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the Northern Border Regional Commission, by \$2,500,000; **Page H3079**

Ellison amendment that seeks to redirect \$1,000,000 in funding within Departmental Administration, Department of Energy; **Pages H3080–81**

Farr amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 23, 2016) that seeks to strike section 506 pertaining to the further implementation of the coastal and marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management components of the National Ocean Policy; and **Pages H3088–89**

Garamendi amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to expand plutonium pit production capacity at the PF-4 facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory. **Pages H3091–92**

H. Res. 743, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5055) was agreed to by a yeay-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 232, after the previous question was ordered by a yeay-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 231. **Pages H2981–87**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H2981, H3057.

Senate Referral: S. 2613 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H3092**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeay-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2985–86, H2986–87, H2987, H2987–88, H2988–89, H3045–46, H3046, and H3046–47. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOCUS ON THE FARM ECONOMY: A VIEW FROM THE BARNYARD

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled “Focus on the Farm Economy: A View from the Barnyard”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2017; and Report on the Revised Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2017. The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2017 and the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related